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 BRAKES OF A MOTOR VEHICLE
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of January 21, 2003, kindly amend the
 above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 5 to 10, 12 and 13.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3 and 11 without prejudice as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for controlling a wheel brake of a vehicle, the
 method comprising:

determining a road slope;

determining whether a brake pedal is depressed and whether a parking brake
 is engaged;

maintaining a braking force at a wheel independently of an extent of a brake
 pedal actuation, in at least one operating state with one of the brake pedal
 depressed and the parking brake engaged, if the road slope points in a direction of a
 future travel direction of the vehicle; and

reducing the braking force for at least one condition.